

Introduced by Senator Romero

February 20, 2003

An act to add Sections 2288 and 12841.2 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to pesticides.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 533, as introduced, Romero. Pesticides: mill assessment: restricted use pesticide health studies.

Existing law prescribes the powers and duties of county agricultural commissioners.

This bill would in addition, authorize county agricultural commissioners to impose and collect a fee in an unspecified amount on pesticide applicators and expend those funds for the regulation of restricted use pesticides, as specified.

Existing law requires every registrant of a pesticide product to pay the Director of Pesticide Regulation an assessment of 17.5 mills per dollar of sales for all sales by that person of registered pesticide for use in this state, as specified.

This bill would authorize an additional mill assessment, in an unspecified amount, on the sale of all restricted use pesticides for use in this state. The bill would provide that the additional mill assessment would be distributed to counties, upon appropriation, for purposes of regulating restricted use pesticides.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2288 is added to the Food and
2 Agricultural Code, to read:

3 2288. The commissioner shall have the authority to impose
4 and collect a fee in the amount of ____ dollars (\$____) upon
5 pesticide applicators and expend those funds for the purpose of
6 local regulation and enforcing other regulations pertaining to
7 restricted use pesticides.

8 SEC. 2. Section 12841.2 is added to the Food and Agricultural
9 Code, to read:

10 12841.2. (a) The director may collect an assessment, in
11 addition to the mill assessment collected pursuant to Section
12 12841, for all sales of restricted use pesticides for use in this state.
13 The director may collect the assessment in an amount necessary to
14 fund local regulation of restricted use pesticides, not to exceed
15 however, ____ mills per dollar of sales.

16 (b) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the revenue
17 collected pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the
18 counties where the assessments were collected on a pro rata basis.
19 The fees may only be expended by the county agricultural
20 commissioner for local regulation of restricted use pesticides.

